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1. Recruitment of labor for mines and foundries: The Ministry of Domestic Trade issued an order to all its enterprises in the Liberec, Brno and Bratislava regions requiring them to recruit workers for mines and foundries among their employees to the number of one percent of the total number of the employees.   25X1

2. Cuts in overhead expenses: An order issued in mid-May 1955 stipulated that all enterprises subordinate to the Ministry of Domestic Trade cut their overheads (administrative expenses) by 25 percent effective as of 1 April 1955.

3. Increased Plan for retail trade: The Ministry of Finance ordered the   25X1 Ministry of Domestic Trade to increase the Plan for retail trade by 200 million crowns. As the Ministry of Domestic Trade failed to cope with this revised Plan - as can be seen from the results in 1954 and beginning of 1955 - special measures have been introduced which are strictly controlled.   25X1

4. Sale of defective goods: The sale of imperfect goods at so-called bazaars and annual fairs has been ordered by the Ministry of Domestic Trade. These goods, however, do not sell well owing to their inferior quality and prohibitive prices.

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